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Fabulous history Fred took me for an ATV ride one night He wanted to show me a few of the culverts under the GTR line between Kinmount and Haliburton - now known as the Rail Trail.

The pictures in this article are all different culverts.

I was intrigued. Who created these? Where did the stone come from? How did it get there before the train?

These questions are difficult to find precise answers. I've read everything I can get my hands on, searched the internet/archive listings, etc.

I was able to locate and email a gentleman that provided some information. See page five for Charles Cooper's answers.

I.P.A

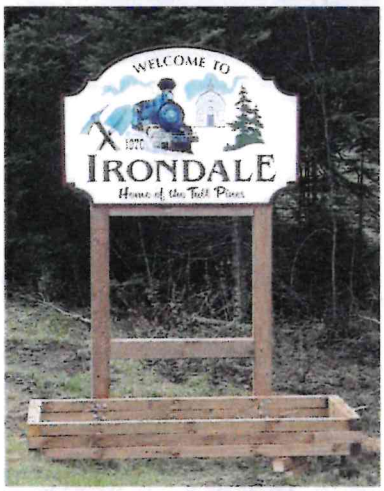
When John Labatt Brewery began making and selling beer 150 years ago, it had only three brands to offer its clientele: Ale, Stout and Porter.

A turning point in the brewery's history took place in 1863 when John Labatt Jr., returned from a brewing apprenticeship in Wheeling, West Virginia with a recipe for India Pale Ale, a milder-tasting brew that would appeal to a wider range of the population.

I.P.A ended up being Labatt's top-selling brand for nearly a century after it was introduced.

In fact, it wasn't until the introduction of Labatt's 50th Golden Anniversary Ale (50) in 1950 and Labatt's Pilsener (Blue) in 1951, that I.P.A began to lose steam as Labatt's most popular libation.

Turn to Pg 4 - to find out why the front page article on IPA



A partnership between the SDLCA, the ICC and the BLCD
has funded new signage.

In the weeks to come you will find events listed as well.

THANK YOU!

HIGHLANDS Food & Beverage SHOWCASE

- Vendor Food & Beverage Samples
- Live Entertainment All Afternoon
- Silent Auction
- Food Competitions

Sat. June 17
11am to 4 pm

Wintergreen Pancake Barn
3325 Gelert Rd

Proceeds shared by
H.A.V.E. (Help A Village Effort) and **YWCA** Haliburton
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The Minister's Salary

The minister was happy with his new position, the salary was sufficient to support his wife and himself. But when their first child arrived he went to the congregation for a raise to support their new arrival. The couple continued to have more children, and with each one the congregation agreed to raise the preacher's salary to accommodate the extra cost of the growing family.

When the couple had their sixth child - it started to get a bit expensive. A meeting was called. The congregation voiced their concern to the preacher.

"Having children is an act of God," the minister said, which brought silence from the congregation, except for an old lady seated in the back.

She stood and facing the minister said, "Rain is also an act of God, but when we gets too much we wears rubbers."

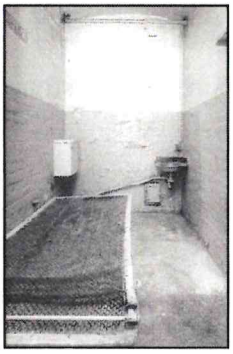
Taken from Downhome Memories' available at shopdownhome.com

The Penitentiary

The five convicts to be housed in the new prison arrived in 1835. They were to serve their time in the new prison. Problem was the prison was not ready for business, so the inmates had to be held in Kingston's county jail for five days officially opened June 1, 1835.

Five months later, the number of inmates had grown to 62, and included women. By 1850, there were 386 males and 24 females. Women were incarcerated there until a Women's Prison was established across the road in 1934. This jail even had children within its walls!

Originally referred to as the Provincial Penitentiary of the Province of Upper Canada , it was renamed the Kingston Penitentiary after 1867.



The original building was a single, large limestone block with 154 cells in 5 tiers. Cells measured 2' x 6' (61 cm x 183cm) with a 2' (61cm) thick stone wall between cells to prevent conversation between prisoners.

The additional wings of the main building were completed by 1850 - the dome added in 1861.

Kingston Pen cbc.ca/news (iStock)

Famous inmates from the past, Grace Marks in 1843; James Donnelly of the Black Donnellys; Marie-Anne Houde in 1920; Edwin Alonzo Boyd, leader of the Boyd Gang; escape artist and writer Roger Caron; serial Killer Clifford Olson; and wife-killer Helmuth Buxbaum.

To find out more about the Kingston Penitentiary and/or the criminals held there check out these websites - *www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/prison-architecture, www.penitentiarymuseum.ca and www.cbc.ca/news/canada/kingston-pen-7-things-to-know-about-canada-s-notorious-prison-1.1865605*

KINGSTON PEN
tours

Since the Kingston Penitentiary closed its doors to Canada's criminals, tourists have been clamouring to get a peek inside the facility.
Tickets for the 90 minute tours are a hot commodity. Tours of the 178-year-old building give visitors a snapshot of life in the 'slammer'.
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CONCERT ON THE LAKE

Salerno Lake's
Concert On The Lake
July 8th at 6:30 pm.
featuring Kiyomi Valentine

Kiyomi lives in Brooklyn, New York but returns to Salerno Lake every summer. She is the daughter of Judy Stephens and Jim McCloskey who still have cottagers on the lake. Kiyomi performs solo or with a guitarist. One of her most popular numbers is called *Irondale*.

Tickets are $10, children under 16 are free. For further information and tickets, contact Doug Rodger at 705-447-2896. Please leave a message if no answer.

Ruth Pusey monologue' performed by L. Ruth Carter on February 18, 2017 at the Across Canada Dinner Event

"That man! He *knows* I don't like speaking to large crowds. But it's strange: as I look at you, I don't see a large crowd. I see people, who, in the short time I've been here, have become friends. Stranger still, I'm not sure you realize how rare that is, how utterly refreshing it is. I look at you and I see people who know how to *live*. You work hard.

Yes, I know Mr. Pusey built this town, but did he raise every roof, saw every board, pound every nail? No, it was you. You worked beside my husband and beside each other to build not just a collection of houses, stores, mills, and railroad, but a *community*. You transformed a group of people into a family - a family that embraced each other, and embraced us.

Charles' work has taken us to some of the grandest cities in the world. I enjoyed much of what city-life stands for. Indeed, I am grateful that our daughters could be educated in the best schools that London and Paris could offer.

But then I came here. Many of my city friends despaired when I told them I was joining my husband in the wilderness. What would I do without the shops, the theatre, the balls? How could I tear my daughters away from finding eligible young men to marry? To be honest, I had my doubts too.

So I came to this place, this wilderness. I exchanged the noisy, smelly chaos of a busy city for sunshine sparkling off crystal clear waters, for birdsong, and for fresh, clean air to breathe. I exchanged a teeming mass of nameless strangers for new friends—each one different, unique, unendingly interesting, and oh, so caring.

You have given my family and me so much, and now I want to give you something. I want to give you a church. I want to give you a church that will welcome everyone, built of the pine trees that surround us. There will be no stained-glass in this church because God has given us a beauty to look at that changes through the seasons and what artist can match that? Anyone can come and worship God in this church because it will belong to you, and not to any denomination. May it be not only my legacy to the generations that follow, but your legacy, for as you helped build this town into a community; you will help build this church into a loving, vibrant fellowship. May God bless us all."

Bit of Bull ....? I recently spent $6,500 on a young registered Black Angus bull. I put him out with the herd but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow. I was beginning to think I had paid more for that bull than he was worth. Anyhow, I had the Vet come and have a look at him. He said the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave me some pills to feed him once per day.

The bull started to service the cows within two days, all my cows! He even broke through the fence and bred with all of my neighbor's cows! He's like a machine!

I don't know what was in the pills the Vet gave him ..... but they kind of taste like peppermint.

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Irondale Purity Association

We have all certainly heard about it - in one form or another. It has been referred to as the 'Irondale Purity Club' and the 'Irondale Purity Camp'. It never seemed that there was an explanation to the name.

A story in the March issue of this newsletter referred to this group with questions, hoping one of our readers had some answers. Well it seems that Nikki Wilson remembered well what her elders had told her—and with pictures to share!

The 'association' was named for their favourite drink - see the fantastic 'trophy' below.

Left to right - Cecil Horton, Harold Wilson, Mac McKee, Ned Hancock, ??? (Just his head showing behind Ned), Mr. Warren, Mr. Berry, Andy Brandon and George (Geordie) Wilson
This picture also shared by Mary Ferns, Irondale

Can you help with identification of the men in this picture?

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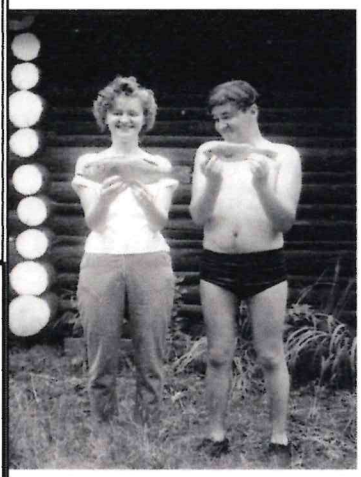
From the Archives ...



Taken in the early 1950s at All-Go Camp on Salerno Lake at Irondale ... The sister & brother in the photo are Gloria Proud (nee Lancaster) of Lindsay and Jerry Lancaster of Port Credit.

All 60 acres of All-Go Camp was owned at the time by William & Lily Lancaster. Lily had purchased the property as a tribute to her nephew, Edward Holness, who was a fighter pilot in WWII and had dreamed of opening a youth summer camp when he returned from the war. Sadly, he never made it back. William & Lily sold the All-Go Camp to a developer in the mid-60s so that William could retire. For my two sisters and brother, we spent our childhood summers at Salerno Lake starting in 1958. There was no better place to be a kid."

Taken from Echo newspaper Apr 25, 2017 issue and submitted by Brett Proud

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The Creator has called you home.
Like a bird you will soar to his arms to live forever

I asked Mr. Cooper ... Would you have or be able to tell me where I might find the 'beginnings' of the railway that into Haliburton Ontario? I have taken some photos of the fabulous culverts under this railroad (now just a trail) and would love some idea of who did the mason work, where the stone came from and how it got there before the train.

Mr. Cooper's answers - "The general reference work for this line is "Haliburton by Rail and the I.B.&O" by Taylor Wilkins. This book is out of print but should be in the library and can be picked up on-line.

The likely source of the stone for the line is Rettie's Quarry that was located about a mile south of Burnt River, was in operation until the 1930s. Wherever possibly these pioneer railways "sourced" their material as close as possible. Lumber was never a problem, but for stone work and ballast, quarries had to be sourced. Until the line was built, horse and wagon was the only transportation and that of course was labour intensive and expensive. Once the rails were at the quarry, the stone could be moved by flatcar to where it was needed. In many cases the first bridges and culverts were built with wood (those bridges were actually "trestles") for speed and economy, and were later replaced with stone work, and iron or steel girders and frames.

Rettie's Quarry - working model for 1:87 scale Railway, given to the Old Gaol Museum. Made/ donated by Larry Murphy of Lindsay.

Preparing the stone was of course done by masons, and many of them moved around with the railways as there was always work to fashion abutments and culverts. Many masons came to Canada from Scotland in the 19th century as their trade was in high demand, and not just on the railways. Their work is indeed of very high quality and there are many of these works of craftsmanship scattered all over Ontario where the railway lines have long gone but the structures have endured.

For the most part these craftsmen have remained anonymous, but some masons did carve their initials or "sign" on the keystones of their culvert work."

Our thanks to Mr. Charles Cooper for his expertise. You may wish to learn more at https://www.railwaypages.com

The Victorians turned mourning into an art form.

Widows were to spend a *full mourning* for a year, dressed in dull black from head to toe, veil over the face and no ornamentation. For the next nine months they were in what was known as *second mourning*. They could add mourning jewelry (intricate jewelry made from the hair of the deceased) and wear the veil pulled back. The next six months - called *half mourning* they were to wear gray and lavender.

Strange customs were 'enforced' by society. Household mirrors were covered to prevent the deceased's spirit from getting trapped. Clocks were stopped at the time a death occurred or bad luck would follow. When a body was removed from a house, it was to be taken out feet first so that it could not look back and beckon others to follow.

Coffin alarms. The fear of being buried alive was so severe that a device known as a coffin alarm was invented. The contraption was simply a bell attached to the headstone with a chain that connected to a ring placed on the finger of the corpse. (Gives the term "dead ringer" a whole new meaning.)

Google Victorian Funeral and see all the different facets of this fascinating topic.

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~ Irondale Calendar of Events ~

Hang this page on your refrigerator or next to your calendar so you don't miss out!

Sat. May 27	**Comedy Night** — Kinmount Legion, upstairs. The best live stand up comedy from across North America. Tickets restricted to 100 . See below to purchase. Cash bar, refreshments available.
Sat. June 10	**Haliburton County Fair**, Minden Fairgrounds. Come see us at the Food Booth. Our volunteers will be ready to serve you Peameal on a Bun, BBQ Beef on a bun, Hotdogs and cold beverages. Dessert is available at our Bake Sale tent, located not too far from the Food Booth. Lots of things to do at the Fair! See you there!
Sat. June 17	**Highlands Food & Beverage Showcase**. Outdoor venue - Wintergreen Pancake Barn, 3325 Gelert Rd., Minden. See what the Highlands has to offer - sample wines, foods, maybe take some awesome prizes home. 11am to 4pm. For tickets call Dianne at 705-286-3202
Sat. July 1	**Irondale Pavillion**. Visit us in Gooderham 5pm to fireworks at dusk. We offer historical items to enjoy, a General Store with items to purchase including baked goods, and Canada 150 trivia. Try your hand at the questions. Something to occupy the kiddies with as well.
Sat. July 15	**Wild Game Dinner & Auction.** Doors open 5pm. Buffet at 6pm. Loonie auction follows dessert. $20 per person. See below to purchase tickets.
Sat July 29 & Sun July 30	**Irondale's Ball Tournament.** Teams vie for the coveted trophy & prizes. Great fun for the whole family. For more information contact Chris James at 705-447-2733
Sat. Aug 26	Concert? at the Irondale Church?
Sat. Sept. 23	**Irondale's Family Harvest Festival.** Noon to 4pm Vendors, BBQ, Prizes, Games, Displays, Tours - all on the Irondale Church property. Free Admission
Sun. Oct. 8	**Thanksgiving Service** - 7pm at Irondale Church. Join us between main course and dessert, for the traditional service of thanks. You will feel better for it.
Sat. Nov. 11	**Hunter's Dinner** served at the Irondale Community Centre, offered from 5pm while supplies last. Menu to be determined, definitely NOT wild meat. $15 per person.

We strive to keep our events as planned. Tickets For All Events Can Be Purchased Online at www.IrondaleOntario.ca or call/text 705-457-8438

Spring Cleaning? Down sizing? Scaling Back?

We are looking for your donations! Please check your closets, dressers, basement, garage, storage units, etc.

Soft Goods are clothing, shoes, hats, scarves, undergarments, jewelry, accessories, bags, wallets, bedding, towels, curtains, tablecloths and other cloth materials. These items will garner us 15 cents/lb collected.

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Wed evenings 7 to 9pm, Sunday's 11am to 4pm - or by appt 705-457-8438

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